

May 10, 2020 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy Mother's Day!!

Like many things at this time, it will be observed a little differently this year. Yet we keep all of our mothers in prayer today. Perhaps a call home to Mom is a good idea.

Speaking of calling home, the last number of weeks I have been calling every household in the parish. So that's over 550+ phone calls. Now maybe you are wondering if you got a call? For some I reached a recording saying "this number has been disconnected and is no longer in service." Perhaps you changed to a cell number and did not let the parish know. So there would not have been a phone call.

For a few, after 14 rings, there wasn't a voicemail box or it was full and could not accept any new messages. For a very small handful we just don't have your phone number at all. Or for some perhaps you are not registered at the parish and we don't have any contact information. If you are over 18 or have moved into the area, unless you have filled out the registration form, we wouldn't have any information and not be able to reach out to you.

I was happy to speak to a good number of you letting you know what is going on at the parish or about the livestreaming which took me a bit to get the hang of. Facebook also has been a big tool we have been using and we encourage you to check it out and like us so to keep up with new information.

Thankfully, even in a pandemic the diocese is still working with our young men who are discerning God's call in their lives. Next week, if all goes according to plan, Eric Mashak will be joining us here at the parish for a couple of months. I look forward to having him here and seeing life at St. Patrick as we work with the Stay at Home order. So there is good news out there. Let's not get overwhelmed or get stuck with all the negative, but live the Resurrection.

So to put a smile on your face, enjoy the following.

- --Why did Karl Marx dislike Earl Grey tea? Because all proper-tea is theft.
- --The optimist sees a glass as half-full, the pessimist sees it as half-empty. The engineer sees it as twice as large as it needs to be.
- --We all know that six was afraid of seven because 7, 8, 9, but why did seven eat nine? Because you're supposed to eat three squared meals a day.
- --Why did the skateboarder pick up so much speed going downhill? He was inclined to go faster.
- --How did the cup and the saucer feel about the hasty way they were being washed? They thought it was dish-picable.
- --A grasshopper walks into a bar and takes a look at the menu. The bartender notices him and says "Hey, we've got a drink named after you." The grasshopper looks up, surprised, and says "You've got a drink called Bernard?"
- --I love the way the earth rotates. It really makes my day!

Father John

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Our church will be open everyday 8:00 AM—6:00 PM for individuals who wish to spend time in prayer. Please be respectful of each other, maintain a safe distance and remember the limit of 10 people.

WEEKEND MASSES

Cancelled

WEEKDAY MASSES

Cancelled

DAILY ROSARY

Cancelled

CONFESSIONS

As advertised

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

Cancelled

Mass Intentions for the week of May 10, 2020

Sat. May 9 For the repose of the soul of *Jan Schmitt*

Sun. May 10 For our Parishioners

Mon. May 11 For the repose of the soul of *Jeri Delgado*

Tue. May 12 For the repose of the soul of Greg Cowan

Wed. May 13 For the repose of the soul of Linda (Steiner) Pipgras

Thu. May 14 For Sarah Bires

Fri. May 15 For the repose of the soul of

Francis Carpenter

Sat. May 16 For the repose of the soul of Louis Varga

Sun. May 17 For our Parishioners

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire You with all my heart.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,

I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already in my heart

and unite myself to You completely.

Please do not let me ever be separated from You.

Amen.

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Patrick Lewis, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, William Roberts, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bernard Resch, Laverne, Karen Caple, Lis, Joe Dolphin, Mary Ann Witcraft, Bill Chase, Kathy, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Sally Haas, Bob W., Therese, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, Lucille Ryczek, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, Jim Czajka, RM, Floyd Babcock, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, Éric Erskine, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Fran Watry, Harold Smith, Caroline Christopher, the Johnston Family, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Mary Lechleiter, Bernadine Seitz, Dave Lewis, and Marie Boehm.

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call Cassandra at the church office. To be included on the prayer line or to be listed in the bulletin prayer list, you may also call the church office at 847-6054.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Jason Witkowiak, John Miller, Tera Walsh, Casey Chamberlain, Chris Dvorak, Paul Knudtson, Jon Taylor, Jessica Burch, Mandy Gardner, Aaron Hoogland, Janie Asberry, Jessica Tremain, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Zachary Bader, Will Post and Adam Field.

If you are in need of sacramental assistance, please contact the rectory office at 608-847-6054.

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Looking for good Catholic movies to share with your family while you're at home? Try FORMED! There are 1000's of movies and audio recordings available for your whole family.

PICK OF THE WEEK ~ "FATIMA: Hope for the World" This 13-part video series tells the story of Fatima from the Marian apparitions in 1917 through the 20th century and how the world has responded.

You can watch with your free parish subscription by simply selecting our parish's name during registration at formed.org/signup.

Women's Prayer & Virtue Groups— How can you be physically, relationally, emotionally, and spiritually healthy with all this time at home? Two options are available to help: a daily gathering via Zoom or a six-session virtue-based study for moms. Learn more at archmil.org/evangelization/Courageous-Communion/womens-groups

New Webpage: COVID At Home Resources: A new webpage has been created by the diocese to provide a wealth of resources for families during this "Safer at Home" time. Check it out at: diolc.org/marriage/at-home-family-faith-building-resources/

During these difficult times, family prayer is essential. A new initiative, which was requested by 12th grade students through interviews and surveys over the last few years, is entitled "Going Deeper in Prayer." You are invited to download an Easter Season Prayer Card, or another option of your choice, that helps to foster an encounter with Jesus. Go to diolc.org/prayer. Individual adults or empty nesters will also want to go deeper in their relationship with Jesus through a Prayer Card. Check out the website at diolc.org/deeper.

Prayers and Blessings for Rural Life ~ As we come to the time of planting and the feast of St. Isidore, patron of farmers (May 15), the Diocese of La Crosse Rural Life Committee would like to share some prayers and blessings with you for your use. Visit **diolc.org/rural-life**.

CEMETERY MOWING—We are looking for people to help out mowing and trimming at the cemetery during the summer and fall. If you're willing and able to help, please contact Carrol Kaiser at 847-7494 or the rectory office at 847-6054.

ON LINE GIVNG—If you have not tried on-line giving, please check it out! It's safe, secure and simple! You can find the link on our website: <a href="style="style-type: style-type: sty

SCRIP IS STILL AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY. WE ARE AT THE OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 8:30 AM UNTIL 4:00 PM.

All parish and diocese events have been canceled until further notice.

Please note that live and prerecorded Sunday Mass is available via https://diolc.org/tvmass, the diocesan YouTube channel, Facebook, and televised on the following channels:

Eau Claire, Channel 18, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

La Crosse, Channel 19, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Marshfield (Public Access), Channel 989, at 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Stevens Point (Public Access), Channel 984 at Noon and 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Wausau, (Cable and Satellite), Channel 12 at 6:30 a.m. Sunday.

Wausau (Public Access), Channel 980, at 6:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday.

Wisconsin Rapids (Public Access), Channel 985 and Channel 3 at 6:00 a.m. and 1:00 pm. Sunday.

A Year Devoted to St. Joseph: May 1, 2020 - May 1, 2021

diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph



"Devotion to St. Joseph is one of the choicest graces that God can give to a soul, for it is tantamount to revealing the entire treasury of our Lord's graces. When God wishes to raise a soul to greater heights, he unites the person to St. Joseph by giving him/her a strong love for the good saint."

St. Peter Julian Eymard

An outstanding new book entitled "Consecration to St. Joseph, the Wonders of Our Spiritual Father" by Father Donald Calloway, MIC was published on January 1, 2020. This easy-to-read and engaging book is divided into 33 brief segments of rich content by which to come to know St. Joseph and his role as our loving spiritual father.

"Consecration to St. Joseph, the Wonders of Our Spiritual Father" is available from:

- Marian Catechist Bookstore at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, WI https://mariancatechist.com/product/consecration-to-st-joseph/
- Fr. Donald Callaway's webpage: https://www.fathercalloway.com/books-and-gifts

Reminder: Works of Mercy in this Challenging Time: See how you can live the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy during the pandemic, as well as resources for prayer and stories of inspiration. Listen to a beautiful duet of The Prayer sung by Catholic Charities' Kevin Burch and his daughter Alexandra. Visit diolc.org/social-concerns.



COVID-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus, We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

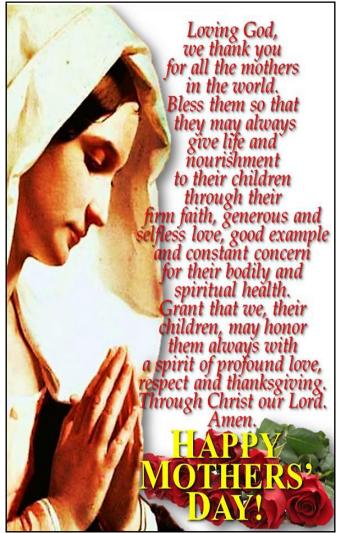
For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all

For our brothers and sisters around the world, We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers, We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

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